



## The Municipal EcoLink

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*The Municipal EcoLink*, is a monthly e-bulletin designed to inform you of the latest environmental ideas, trends, grants, rules and more from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES). We respectfully request that the following is read into the minutes of your municipal committees, councils and boards. Please feel free to post it on your municipal website as well.

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### **DES ARM Program Accepting Grant Applications for Seacoast Watershed**

The DES Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Program is currently accepting grant applications for funding projects within the Salmon Falls to Piscataqua River Watershed. The DES Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund provides an in-lieu fee payment alternative for permit applicants to consider when striving to meet state and federal wetland mitigation requirements. DES is pleased to announce that up to **\$1,540,000** is available through the ARM Fund for eligible projects within the Salmon Falls to Piscataqua River Watershed. Payments are deposited into 16 watershed accounts, which then can be used for aquatic resource restoration projects or to permanently protect wetlands with high conservation value. The ARM funds are ready to be awarded to eligible projects in the watershed. To read the entire news release, please go to <http://des.nh.gov/media/pr/index.htm>. For specific questions on the grant, please contact Lori Sommer, Mitigation Coordinator, at (603) 271-4059 or [lori.sommer@des.nh.gov](mailto:lori.sommer@des.nh.gov).

### **Last of the Spring 2010 Land Resources Workshops: April 23**

DES's annual Land Resource Management Workshop will be held on April 23 in Concord. The one-day workshop is geared toward municipal officials and volunteer board members, wetland scientists, land surveyors, foresters and engineers. This year's topics include the Stream Crossing Rules, which are currently in rulemaking; the science of moving water (fluvial geomorphology); the role of the Natural Scientists Board; updates from the DES Subsurface Systems, Shoreland and Wetlands programs; and the process for obtaining multiple permits from DES. A nominal registration fee will be charged. Go to the Wetlands program page on [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) for registration information.

### **NH Public Works Mutual Aid Program Workshop: April 27**

The NH Public Works Mutual Aid Program will be having a workshop on April 27 in Lancaster. The free half-day workshop is geared toward municipal officials, public works departments, municipal water and wastewater systems, building inspectors and local emergency management directors. There will be presentations from Councilor Ray Burton and the Director of NH Homeland Security Emergency Management, Christopher Pope. The workshop will include a short tabletop exercise to demonstrate how the program works in the event of a real emergency. Members and non-members are welcome. For registration information, please see [http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/wseps/mutual\\_aid.htm](http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/wseps/mutual_aid.htm). More information on the Public Works Mutual Aid Program is at [www.t2.unh.edu/ma](http://www.t2.unh.edu/ma).

### **DES Sponsors the Largest Source Water Protection Workshop in New England**

The DES 2010 Drinking Water Source Protection Workshop will be held on Friday, April 30, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord. The event will feature experts, consultants and vendors from across New Hampshire, who will discuss how to: minimize impacts associated with certain land uses, including forestry and excavation; reduce salt use on local roads; work with local schools to collect water quality data; and work with the media to successfully pass local ordinances. The workshop's agenda and registration are available at [www.agwt.org](http://www.agwt.org). The cost, which includes lunch, is \$30; New Hampshire Water Operator certification credits are available. For more information, contact Pierce Rigrod at (603) 271-0688 or [pierce.rigrod@des.nh.gov](mailto:pierce.rigrod@des.nh.gov).

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